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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA WATER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE FURNISHED BY ITS WESTERN GROUP AND FOR CERTAIN RELATED APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. W-01445A-04-0650

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 8, 2004, Arizona Water Company ("AWC" or "Applicant") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to adjust its rates and charges for utility service provided by the Applicant's Western Group.

On September 15, 2004, AWC filed the corrected direct testimony of its witness Dr. Thomas M. Zepp and a page omitted from its bill count.

On September 24, 2004, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Motion to Require Supplemental Sufficiency Information, or in the Alternative, to Suspend the Rate Case Time Clock ("Motion"). The Motion requested expedited consideration and oral argument.

On October 1, 2004, AWC filed a Response to the Motion.

On October 6, 2004, the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") filed an Application to Intervene.

On October 8, 2004, Staff filed a Reply in Support of its Motion.

Also on October 8, 2004, Staff filed a Letter of Deficiency.

A procedural teleconference was held on October 8, 2004 for discussion of the requested oral argument. AWC, Staff and RUCO appeared through counsel. AWC raised the issue of whether RUCO could be granted intervention in this proceeding prior to a finding of sufficiency.

The Company agreed to a suspension of the Commission's timeclock rules relating to this matter pending oral argument.

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Oral argument should be set on the issues raised in Staff's Motion, the Company's Response, Staff's Reply, and Staff's Letter of Deficiency. Oral argument should also be taken on the issue of whether RUCO may be granted intervention prior to a finding of sufficiency in a rate case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that oral argument shall be held on October 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as practicable thereafter, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, on the issues raised in: Staff's September 24, 2004 Motion to Require Supplemental Sufficiency Information, or in the Alternative, to Suspend the Rate Case Time Clock; Arizona Water Company's October 1, 2004 Response to Staff's Motion to Require Supplemental Sufficiency Information, or in the Alternative, to Suspend the Rate Case Time Clock; Staff's October 8, 2004 Reply in Support of its Sufficiency Motion; and Staff's October 8, 2004 Letter of Deficiency. Argument shall also be heard on the issue of whether the Residential Utility Consumer Office may be granted intervention in this proceeding prior to a finding of sufficiency, and any other pertinent procedural matters.

Dated this day of October, 2004

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